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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 2/28/2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-11 and 13-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-9 and 20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-11 and 13-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/06)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-19 are pending in this application. The applicant canceled claims 8 and 9. Claims 7 and 12 were previous canceled by amendment. The applicant elected group I for prosecution. Claim 20 is the non-elected claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Modi, U.S. Patent Number: 6,241,244 in view of Official Notice.

4. As per claim 1, Modi teaches an automated teller machine for performing a cash transaction, comprising:

a currency deposit/withdraw port for depositing/withdrawing a currency (abstract; column 1, lines 18-19; column 2, lines 9-16);

a discriminating unit for discriminating a currency (abstract and column 1, lines 18-19; column 2, lines 18-53);

a plurality of cassettes each thereof detachably mounted with respect to said automated teller machine, for storing thereinto a currency, with the currency being transferred between a cassette and the currency deposit/withdrawal port via the discriminating units (abstract; column 1, lines 18-19; column 3, lines 55-67; column 4, lines 30-45); and

a control unit for storing therein operation information used to operate said automated teller machine in correspondence with a money sort of the currency stored in said which is set to said automated teller machine and for performing a control operation based upon said stored operation information, said stored operation information contains discrimination information indicative of a range of a currency which is discriminated by said discriminating unit wherein said control unit acquires money sort information from cassette information set which to said automated teller machine, and judges as to whether said money sort information of the acquired cassette information is located within a range of said discrimination information (column 3, lines 16-67; column 4-5; column 9, lines 43-64).

Modi does not teach: said control unit operates said automated teller apparatus based upon said money sort information of the operation information when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information; and a staff member panel for displaying thereon, which is operated by a staff member, wherein when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is not made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information, said control unit displays said a fact of "non-coincidence" on said staff member panel.

Official Notice is taken that control unit operates automated teller apparatus based upon said money sort information of the operation information when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information and a staff member panel for displaying thereon, which is operated by a staff member, wherein when it is so judged that said

money sort information of said acquired cassette information is not made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information, said control unit displays said a fact on said staff member panel is old and well known in the automated teller machine industry as a convenient way for bank or individuals to verify or display financial data or record. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to add control unit operates automated teller apparatus based upon said money sort information of the operation information when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information; and a staff member panel for displaying thereon, which is operated by a staff member, wherein when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is not made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information, said control unit displays said a fact on said staff member panel features to the automated teller machine.

5. As per claim 2, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 1 described above. Modi further teaches said control unit sets, or changes said operation information stored in said control unit (column 34, lines 40-50; column 9, lines 43-64).

6. As per claim 3, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 2 described above. Modi further teaches said automated teller machine is comprised of:

a staff member panel for display thereon, which is operated by a staff (Fig. 1; column 9 lines 1-19; column 18, lines 55-66); and said control unit sets, or changes said operation information by using said staff member panel (Fig. 1; column 9 lines 1-19; column 18, lines 55-66).

7. As per claim 4, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 1 described above. Modi further teaches wherein:

said control unit acquires cassette information from said cassette which is set to said automated teller machine and judges as to whether or not said acquired cassette information is suitable for said stored operation information (column 3, lines 16-67; column 4-5; column 9, lines 43-64).

8. As per claim 5, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 4 described above. Modi further teaches said control unit continuously performs the operation of said automated teller machine in the case that the judgment result is suitable for said operation information (column 3, lines 16-67; column 4-5; column 9, lines 43-64).

9. As per claim 6, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 4 described above. Modi further teaches wherein: in the case that the judgment result is not suitable for said operation information, said control unit notifies such a fact that said judgment result is not suitable for said operation information (column 3, lines 16-67; column 4-5; column 9, lines 43-64).

10. As per claim 10, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 1 described above. Modi teaches wherein:

said stored operation information contains sort information of said cassette, which indicates as to whether or not said cassette exclusively stores therein a currency deposited from said currency deposit/withdraw port, whether or not said cassette exclusively stores therein a currency withdrawn from said currency deposit/withdraw port, or whether or not said cassette stores therein currencies which are deposited and withdrawn from said currency

deposit/withdraw port information (column 3, lines 16-67; column 4-5; column 9, lines 43-64);
and

said control unit acquires such information corresponding to said sort information of said cassette, which is contained in said stored operation information, from into said automated teller machine; and also judges as to whether or not the operation is properly carried out based upon said acquired information (column 3, lines 16-67; column 4-5; column 9, lines 43-64).

11. As per claim 11, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 1 described above. Modi further teaches said stored operation information contains information related to a country which issues a currency (column 2, lines 28-41); and said control unit acquires such information corresponding to the country information of said stored operation information from said cassette set to said automated teller machine, and judges as to whether or not the operation is suitable based upon the acquired information (column 3-5).

12. As per claim 13, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 1 described above. Modi further teaches wherein: said control unit continuously monitors, or monitors in a constant time interval the information related to said cassette set to said automated teller machine (columns 3-5).

13. As per claim 14, claim 14 is equivalent to claim 1. Please refer to claim 1 rejection above.

14. As per claim 15, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 14 described above. Modi teaches either said main body control unit or said control unit of the currency deposit/withdraw mechanism continuously monitors, or monitors in a constant time interval mounting/dismounting of said cassettes (columns 3-5); which are set to said

currency deposit/withdraw mechanism (abstract; column 1, lines 18-19; column 2, lines 9-16; columns 3-5)

15. As per claim 16, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 15 described above. Modi further teaches wherein: in the case that either said main body control unit or said control unit of the currency deposit/withdraw mechanism monitors to sense that said cassettes are again reset, said main body control unit again transmitted from said control unit, and also judges as to whether or not said acquired cassette information is suitable for said stored operation information of the automated teller machine (columns 3-5).

16. As per claim 17, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 14 described above. Modi further teaches wherein:

said main body control unit acquires money sort information contained in said cassette information transmitted from said control unit and also judges as to whether or not said acquired money sort information is suitable for said stored operation information (columns 3-5).

17. As per claim 18, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 17 described above. Modi further teaches wherein: in the case that said main body control unit judges that said acquired money sort information is suitable for said operation information, said main body control unit executes the operation of said automated teller machine based upon said operation information (columns 1-5); and in the case that said main body control unit judges that said acquired money sort information is not suitable for said operation information, said main body control unit notifies such a fact that said acquired memory sort information is not suitable for said operation information (column 4).

18. As per claim 19, Modi and Official Notice teach an automated teller machine as claimed in claim 14 described above. Modi further teaches wherein: said control unit of said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism acquires said operation information stored in said main body control unit, and judges as to whether or not said acquired operation information is suitable for said cassette information (column 4, lines 31-45).

Response to Arguments

19. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARISSA LIU whose telephone number is (571)270-1370. The examiner can normally be reached on IFP.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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